



Non Committee Members Speaking at the Committee

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the practice that non Committee Members addressing the Committee on applications are:
 - limited to 3 minutes
 - speak before any applicant speaker.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Arising from a complaint about a recent planning control committee meeting I am keen to formalise the role of non committee members speaking rights.
- 2.2 Non committee members speaking at Committee do so at the discretion of the Chair. It has been recently the practice for non committee members to speak for an unlimited period after the public speakers. As non members usually speak in opposition this practice gives no ability to the applicant to respond.
- 2.3 The whole concept of public participation is by nature open to complaint and accusations of injustices and unfairness. I am sure members would want the process to be as transparent and equitable as possible. With this in mind I have the following options to formalise proceedings:
 - that non committee members speaking rights are limited to 3 minutes as they are for members of the public
 - that non committee members speak before any applicant speaker.
- 2.4 The tweaking of the present system would give more comfort and a sound basis for defending complaints – particularly as Committee will have considered the merits of this report and voted accordingly.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: None

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

4. None.